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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 202

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In Senate, March 12, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Grant of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, Amending Article IX of the Constitution as  
Amended by Article XXXV of the Constitution Increasing  
the State Debt Limit.

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Resolved: Two thirds of the legislature concurring the  
2 following amendment to the Constitution of the State be  
3 proposed:

Section fourteen of article nine of the Constitution as  
2 amended by article thirty-five of the Constitution is here-  
3 by further amended by striking out after the word "ex-  
4 ceed" in the fifth line thereof the words "three hundred  
5 thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words

6 'two million dollars,' so that said section as amended shall  
7 read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The credit of the state shall not be directly  
2 or indirectly loaned in any case. The legislature shall  
3 not create any debt or debts, liability or liabilities, on be-  
4 half of the state, which shall singly, or in the aggregate,  
5 with previous debts and liabilities hereafter incurred at  
6 any one time, exceed two million dollars, except for the  
7 purposes of building and maintaining of state highways,  
8 to suppress insurrection, to repel invasion, or for purposes  
9 of war; but this amendment shall not be construed to re-  
10 fer to any money that has been, or may be deposited with  
11 this state by the government of the United States, or to  
12 any fund which the state shall hold in trust for any Indian  
13 tribe.'

Resolved: That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of  
2 towns and the assessors of the several plantations in this  
3 state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the  
4 inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations  
5 to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and  
6 holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the elec-  
7 tion of senators and representatives on the second Mon-  
8 day in September following the passage of this resolve,  
9 to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in  
10 the foregoing resolution and the question shall be:

Shall the Constiution be amended as proposed by resolu-

tion of the legislature providing for an increase in the state  
debt limit?

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations  
shall vote by ballot on said question, those in favor of  
the amendment voting "Yes" upon their ballots and those  
opposed to the amendment voting "No" upon their bal-  
lots and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and  
declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and  
return made to the office of the secretary of state in the  
same manner as votes for governor and members of the  
legislature and the governor and council shall count the  
same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhab-  
itants voting on the question are in favor of the amend-  
ment, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact  
by his proclamation and the amendment shall thereupon  
as of the date of said proclamation become a part of the  
Constitution.

Resolved: That the secretary of state shall prepare and  
furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots  
and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing resolve  
accompanied by a copy thereof.